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PRODUCTION OF PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the per-hectare production of pulses before and after the implementation of Green Revolution in the country, State-wise and pulse-wise;

(b) whether the Green Revolution had concentrated only on increasing production of wheat;

(c) if so, whether the Government has formulated any time bound programme to increase the production of pulses in view of its increasing imports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The State-wise per-hectare production of various pulses before the implementation of Green Revolution (1963-64 and 1964-65) and at present (during 2005- 06 and 2006-07) are given in the Annexure.

(b): It is true that more emphasis was laid on increasing wheat production during green revolution period due to introduction of high yielding varieties, expansion of area under irrigation. Increase in wheat production was considered the need at that time to ensure self-sufficiency in cereals, but the research programmes in pulses (on Chickpea, Pigeonpea, Legumes etc.) were also going on.

(c) & (d): A Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme on Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM) is under implementation with effect from 01.04.2004 for increasing production and productivity of pulses in 14 States of the Country. Under the scheme financial assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seeds, production of foundation seeds, distribution of seed minikits, infrastructure development, block demonstrations on improved technology, integrated pest management, weedicides, distribution of sprinkler sets, farmers training for increasing production and productivity of pulses. The Budget 2007-08 proposes to expand the ISOPOM.